IN THE MATTER OF

ROBERT S. PINKUS, MSW,

BEFORE THE MARYLAND

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL

Respondent.

* WORK EXAMINERS

License Number: 01936

* Case Number: 15-2095

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT

WHEREAS, the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners (the "Board") accepted a Public Surrender of License, on December 14, 2016, of Robert Pinkus, MSW, License Number 01936, to practice social work in the State of Maryland;

WHEREAS, on May 11, 2018, the Board having received an application for reinstatement or new Maryland license, the Board hereby approves Mr. Pinkus' petition for reinstatement pursuant to the Health Occupations Article ("HO") section 19-314. It is therefore:

ORDERED, that effective May 11, 2018, Mr. Pinkus' license shall be REINSTATED; and it is further

ORDERED that Mr. Pinkus shall comply with the following specific terms and conditions for a period of three (3) years, effective from the date of this Order of Reinstatement as follows:

- 1. Mr. Pinkus' practice shall be supervised, at his own expense, by a Board-approved licensed certified clinical social worker with experience and expertise in the field.
 - (a) The supervising social worker shall notify the Board in writing of his/her acceptance of the supervisory role of Mr. Pinkus.
 - (b) The supervision shall continue monthly for the entire three-year probationary period and must include discussion about responsibilities to clients and standards of practice, including

documentation and maintaining appropriate records of professional service, supervision and research work.

- (c) The supervisor shall meet with Mr. Pinkus on a monthly basis and submit quarterly reports to the Board.
- (d) Mr. Pinkus has sole responsibility for ensuring that the supervising counselor submit the required quarterly reports.
- The Board has sole authority over any changes in supervision and must approve and ratify any changes in supervision;
- 2. Mr. Pinkus shall be subject to and cooperate fully with a random audit of his continuing education credits; and it is further

ORDERED that the Board reserves the right to review and reassess the frequency of Mr. Pinkus' supervision each year; and it is further

ORDERED, that if Mr. Pinkus fails to comply with the terms and conditions of this Order, the Board may, after notice of the alleged violation and a hearing, and upon a determination that a violation of the Practice Act has occurred, may impose any disciplinary sanction it deems appropriate under HO § 19-311, said violation being proved by a preponderance of the evidence; and it is further

ORDERED, that at the end of the three-year period, Mr. Pinkus may petition the Board for full reinstatement of his Maryland social work license, provided that, at that time, Mr. Pinkus is not under investigation, or no charges have been issued against him; and it is further

ORDERED, that Mr. Pinkus shall not petition the Board for an early termination of the terms and conditions of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, that this a Final Order of the Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners and as such is a PUBLIC DOCUMENT pursuant to Md. Code Ann., State Gov't Art., §§ 10-611, et seq.

5/11/2018

Denise Capaci, LCSW-C, Chair Maryland State Board of Social Work Examiners